



STINGER SPORTS

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PRESS RELEASE

ARSENAULT GAINS MILESTONE WIN

Concordia University Stingers men's varsity hockey coach Paul Arsenault became only the fourth University hockey coach in North America to record 500 wins, when his Stingers beat the University of Ottawa Gee-Gees 5-2 last Friday (February 3) night at the Concordia Athletic Complex.

Immediately following the milestone Arsenault, along with his wife Cathi and eldest daughter Klay, was brought to centre ice where he was presented with a commemorative banner by Athletic Director Dr. Ed Enos and Vice-rector Academic Dr. Russell Breen. He was also presented with a gift from the women athletes at Concordia, as well as with a plaque from his charges.

The fiery coach, whose hard work ethic rubs off on his players, was gracious in accepting his awards and the accolades of the appreciative crowd. His philosophy of placing the team before the individual was evidenced in his words of acknowledgement, as he passed credit for his achievements to the players and support personnel he has worked with over the years.

Arsenault's brilliant career began in 1963 at Sir George Williams University where he led the Georgians to four consecutive O.S.L.A.A. titles. In 1972, he moved to then cross-town rival Loyola, where he won two Quebec Championships in three years. In 1975 he assumed the head coaching duties at newly created Concordia University, a school born from the merger of Loyola and Sir George. In the eight years since, Arsenault's teams have won the Quebec Conference every year, piling up an incredible record of 180 wins, 29 losses and 8 ties in the process.

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In fact, Arsenault's overall record to date at Concordia is 284-97-25 including a 30-21-4 winning slate against top United States opposition.

With the win over Ottawa, Arsenault moved to within one victory of Alberta's Clare Drake and third place on the North American hockey coaches' win list. He needs just four more victories to move into a second place tie with John Kelly, the former Boston College coach.

The Stingers kept this coach at 500 Sunday afternoon when they were held to a 5-5 tie at Ottawa. However, the tie coupled with McGill's 9-6 loss at Chicoutimi clinched first place for Concordia in the Q.U.H.L.. Mark Kosturik led the Stingers with 2 goals and 2 assists, while Bill Patterson, Brad Hood and Randy Edmonds added singles.

Concordia stays on the road this week, playing in Trois-Rivieres Wednesday (February 8th) and then travelling to meet with the Toronto Blues on the 9th and 10th. Concordia returns home on Wednesday, February 15th to face the McGill Redmen in the first annual Raymond Chiasson Trophy game. All proceeds from the game will go to the Quebec Society for Disabled Children. Expos mascot "YOUPII" will be on hand to help liven up the proceedings. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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